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SUBJECT: 63RD UNGA: DEMARCHE ON FIRST COMMITTEE COMPLIANCE
RESOLUTION

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1. (SBU) On November 23, we conveyed reftel points to Ambassador Talal Al-Khudairi, MFA's IO Chief, urging that Iraq support the First Committee resolution on Compliance when it comes before the UNGA Plenary. In a November 25 follow-up phone conversation, Al-Khudairi said Iraq had followed the Arab consensus in abstaining on the resolution when it came before the First Committee. We reiterated our surprise and disappointment that Iraq had not joined with the other 142 countries supporting the resolution and underlined our hope that Iraq would be able to support it in the plenary. Al-Khudairi was non-committal and didn't volunteer an opinion one way or the other but said he had forwarded the demarche to Deputy Foreign Minister Abbawi for his consideration.
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